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*John Tolton with his book
'Freemen of Leicester — A Brief History'*



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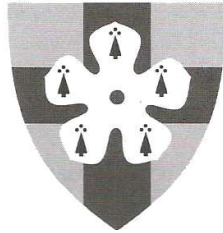


Making Free Ceremony, May 2025
(Photo: Brian Roffee)



Lord Mayor's Civic Service at Leicester Cathedral, June 2025
(Photo: Chris Rhodes)

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Editor's Comments

In a world without walls and fences, who needs Windows and Gates?

– Anonymous



Well, we've certainly been able to top up on our vitamin D levels this summer, what lovely weather we've been having so far.

Late spring and summer are always a busy time for Gild members and the Board with a variety of events, including a Making Free Ceremony, the Civic Service, the Damask Rose event and Tea with the Lord Mayor. The Residents at Freeman's Holt have also enjoyed several events, including VE Day celebrations and a bus trip to Gates Garden Centre.

Thank you to everyone for your contributions – it's always good to hear from you, and we're delighted to have received an article for this edition from Freeman in Germany. If you'd like to share your memories or something about your family history, or perhaps you've got a pastime you'd like to share, we'd love to hear from you - so please put pen to paper, or fingers to keyboard. My contact details are on page 22.

Val Moore

Report by Master of the Gild, Malcolm Ballard



Dear Friends,

The change from Spring to Summer has really been noticeable now, with the enduring sun during the day and high temperatures day and night. So, I am hoping everyone is taking the advice to drink plenty of water and keeping out of the sun as much as possible.

Unfortunately, I have missed a lot of the Gild work over the last few months due to ill health with short stays in hospital and numerous hospital appointments etc. The first one I missed was the inauguration of the new Lord Mayor Cllr Teresa Aldred on 15th June. Also, a Making Free Ceremony on 20th June and the ancient Damask Rose celebration at O'Neils Public House, Loseby Lane on 24th June.

I have missed being part of all these times and joining in with everyone, friends and like-minded colleagues. As time goes on I am hoping to

be able to attend more regularly. I do hope you can forgive me for my prolonged absences.

Mary and I were able to attend the afternoon tea with the new Mayor and her consort along side Colonel Richard Hurwood, Vice Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire, to witness the passing over of a cheque for two of The Lord Mayor's charities. I was given the opportunity to speak to them both and was wheeled around the Freeman's estate by the new office Assistant Manager Paul, when they were invited into two homes on the estate by the tenants.

I am hoping to organize a fish and chip supper in the very near future. This will be an evening event which we have done before, as it has always been an enjoyable time. I will be in touch shortly with the details, date and time etc.

We are looking forward to the arrival of John Tolton's book which has been in the making for many hours of hard work, and I am sure we will all enjoy reading about the history of our organization.

I look forward to seeing and speaking to you all very soon,

Regards
Malcolm Ballard
Master of the Gild

Report by Chair of the Board, Lynn Roffee



I hope this edition of the Gildhall News finds you well and in good health. We have had plenty of lovely weather but as we tell our residents, we all must make sure we stay hydrated (gin and wine do not count).

The Freeman of Leicester – A Short History, John Tolton

We are immensely proud and excited to announce the book written by John Tolton has been completed and published. This book has been the result of many years of research by John who has gifted this research for the benefit of the Freeman of Leicester. The book took a little longer to produce than we initially expected, but it was well worth the wait. On behalf of the Freeman of Leicester, I would like to congratulate John and express our huge appreciation to him.

The book will be available from 18th August; it will only be available to be purchased from the office. You can visit the office to purchase your copy – we take payment via cash, card or bank transfer. We can post the

book to you if you cover the cost of postage and packaging, please contact the office to arrange this.

Please note, the Board have covered the cost to have the book professionally produced by Troubador who are based in Market Harborough. The minimum donation of £20 per copy is to help recoup some of the costs, not to make a profit.

Facebook Group

The Board have decided to create a private '*closed community*' Facebook group for the Freeman of Leicester. We hope utilising social media will aid communication and engagement with Freeman, especially our younger demographic. We would like to encourage every Freeman who uses Facebook to join the group. The group went '*live*' on 1st August, and we sent invitations to join the group via email. If you have not received an email, please check your '*junk*' inbox or contact the office to check if we have the correct email address. You will also be able to find the group if you search Facebook for '*Freemen of the City of Leicester*'. Deputy Neil Findley has led on the project, and we are very grateful to him for this.

The group will have the following rules which are normal for groups of this nature:

1. Be Kind and Courteous

We're all in this together to create a welcoming environment. Let's treat everyone with respect. Healthy debates are natural, but kindness is required.

2. No Hate Speech or Bullying

Make sure everyone feels safe. Bullying of any kind isn't allowed, and degrading comments about things like race, religion, culture, sexual orientation, gender or identity will not be tolerated.

3. No Promotions or Spam

Give more than you take to this community. Self-promotion, spam and irrelevant links aren't allowed.

4. Respect Everyone's Privacy

Being part of this community requires mutual trust. Authentic, expressive discussions make communities great but may also be sensitive and private. What's shared in the community should stay in the community.

Staffing Changes

Sharon Lewis-Clarke, Assistant Manager, retired at the end of May and invited Residents and Deputies to join her and her husband Nick for tea and cakes in the Community Centre on her last day. We wish Sharon a happy retirement.

Sharon spent the first month of her retirement on holiday with Nick travelling around France — looks lovely Sharon!



(Photo: Sharon's husband, Nick)

As you will see elsewhere in the Journal, Paul Ainsworth has joined 'Team Holt' as the Assistant Manager.

Board Member change

Lucy Manship has resigned from the Board. The Board would like to thank Lucy for her services to the Charity and wish her well in her future endeavours.

Making Free Ceremony

A making free ceremony was held at The Town Hall on 20th May for Jake Bickelmann-Esser, who lives in Germany. He was accompanied by his Grandparents, John and Lesley Esser who live in Leicestershire. Jake was undertaking exams just prior to and after his visit to Leicester and we wish him well in his future career. On behalf of the Board, I would like to welcome him as a new Freeman of the City Leicester.

Please encourage any of your eligible family members to take their Freedom. The Member and Civic Support Office, at Leicester City Council deal with the Making Free process but you are welcome to contact our office for advice.

Freemen's Funday Sunday 29th June Cancellation

It was with great regret that we decided to cancel this event. Unfortunately, we did not receive enough bookings to make the event worthwhile. We would welcome any feedback on why this event did not receive the same amount of interest at previous events, feel free to contact the office with your feedback. We intend to host a similar event in the future and will inform you in due course of the arrangements.

Visit to the Holt for Tour and Afternoon Tea

On 9th July, the Board hosted a visit by the Vice Lord-Lieutenant, Colonel R Hurwood DL and The Lord Mayor of Leicester, Councillor Teresa Aldred, who was supported by her friend Maggie Corley. During the visit, residents Jo English and Shirley Jinks kindly allowed Col. Hurwood and the Lord Mayor, to view their homes. Jo and Shirley, together with Barbara Bramley and Val Moore, were also invited to join the group for afternoon tea. The Lord Mayor was presented with a cheque for £200 for her chosen charities during her year in office. Her chosen charities are Joe Humphries Memorial Trust and Andy's Man Club.

Col. Hurwood sent us an email after his visit and wrote:

"I was most impressed with the residences, and the facilities that you have at Aylestone: a beautiful village community within our City.

"What made my visit so very special for me was to meet such a welcoming and open-hearted community – Freeman's Holt is a facility of which you must all be very proud, maintaining a living and loving heritage of many centuries".

Bungalow Vacancies & Extensions

We have decided to extend two bungalows, No's 18 & 30. We already had permission to extend these bungalows to the front, but the Board decided an extension to the rear of bungalow 18 would be preferable. In all likelihood, the work will commence in the spring of 2026, but if you would like more information about the extensions or would like to express an interest, please contact the office.

We have a standard bungalow which has been renovated and is ready to be allocated and we will be renovating another standard bungalow shortly. Please contact the office if you would like more information. You are more than welcome to view the bungalows and estate.

The Monthly Maintenance Contributions currently are:

Standard Bungalow – £180.00

Extended Bungalow – £250.00

Charitable Payments

We currently have two people who receive a monthly Charitable Payment. If you would like to apply for a Charitable Payment or want more information, please contact the office.

Allotments

Please contact the office if you would like to be put on the waiting list for an allotment. The cost for Freeman to rent an allotment is £5 per year.

Board Meeting – Wednesday 10th September, 19:30, Community Centre

At the next Board meeting (above) the book 'The Freeman of Leicester – A Short History' will be on sale and you will have the opportunity to meet the author, John Tolton. The Board meetings are open to all Freeman; it would be great to see you there even if you have not attended before. Please contact the office if you would like to attend so we can inform you how to access the estate.

Contact Details

Telephone – 0116 2834017

Email – office@leicesterfreemen.com

Address – 32 Freeman's Holt, Aylestone, Leicester, LE2 8NH

Website – www.leicesterfreemen.co.uk

Take care,
Lynn Roffee
Chair of the Board

Limping Along - Adam Chilton

I'm feeling very sorry for myself at the minute having ruptured my Achilles tendon on 21st June. I managed to do this playing cricket. I was batting at the non-strikers end and went for a routine single when I felt a horrible pain in my heel. At first, I thought my team-mate who was umpiring had kicked me, I wouldn't put this thing past them you see, but I have been assured this was not the case. As I was hobbling off the pitch, I saw



my batting partner already sat down taking his pads off, I asked him what he was doing, and it turned out the opposition had ran him out when he walked over to check on me! Sportsmanship is in short supply in the "cut-throat" Leicestershire and Rutland Division Seven East League.

So, I had a trip to A&E, the hospital put me in a special boot which I will need to wear for at least eight weeks and will need lots of physio in the months ahead. There were mixed reactions from family and friends to this news.

With two young children at home and another on the way soon, my wife Amy has been urging me to take up another hobby

Poor Adam — Legs Eleven!
(Photo: Sarah Allen)

that doesn't take up the whole of Saturdays. I took the brave decision to inform Amy via telephone rather than face-to-face that I would need to rest with my feet up for the next eight weeks. My son Arthur, who is three, can't understand why I can't play football with him – "errr, surely that boot means you can kick the ball harder Dad". My daughter April, who is one, doesn't bother playing with her toys, why would you when you can jump, crawl, dribble, push, pull and dive on your dad's leg?

Our cricket team has a group chat. The gist of the messages was: "I know you had to leave early, but don't forget to pay your subs", "couldn't he have just stood in the slips?" and from my batting partner "it's your fault, you have ruined my average".

Luckily the Board and Residents have been much more sympathetic. I have had to work some reduced hours and do some work from home at times. By the time you receive this we will hopefully be close to getting back to normal, but please bear with us. If you have any enquiries, I'll hop to it!

Thank you,
Adam Chilton
Office Manager

A New Face in the Office



Paul Ainsworth
(Photo: Amelia Ainsworth)

Hello, I am Paul Ainsworth the new Assistant Manager at Freeman's Holt.

I live in Old Aylestone, quite close to Freeman's Holt and The Black Horse pub. I am originally from a small town in Northamptonshire, but moved around the country before settling in Leicester.

Previously I was a manager and scientist for a government agency, before moving to Leicester to work for the University of Leicester, and then De Montfort University. Most recently I worked for Voluntary Action Leicestershire, where I was part of a charity project helping people in the North West Leicestershire and Hinckley & Bosworth Districts.

I married a Leicester local and have two children, Rose and Henry. They are six and four, and attend the local primary school in Aylestone.

In my spare time I like doing exercise classes, reading, listening to podcasts and spending time with my family. I particularly enjoy science fiction from the 50's, 60's and 70's. I love to cook and enjoy cooking dishes

from all over the world. At the moment we are experimenting with Chinese home cooking!

I will be helping Adam Chilton, the Manager, with finance, administration, servicing committees and the day to day running of the office. If you have any questions or if I can help in any way, please do let me know.

Paul Ainsworth
Assistant Manager

Programme of Future Events

Board Meeting, Freeman's Holt Community Centre, Wednesday 10th September, 7.30pm

Contributions to Gildhall News

Searching my family history

Some time ago, I cannot remember when exactly, I decided to research my family history, in the hopes, maybe, of finding a rich uncle, or a notorious villain from the past. However, so far all I have found is ordinary people living ordinary lives. It is surprising the number of resources available to delve into to search for that missing rich uncle, or villainous murderer from the past, but the most useful locally is the Family History Society. Its present accommodation is in Every Street in the Town Hall Square and has available software on computers for use by members along with various documents from the towns and villages in Leicestershire. The two most useful resources are Ancestry.com and Find My Past, both commercial organisations one would normally have to pay for to gain access but are readily available for members of the society.

It was not until the 1st July 1837 that civil registration began, and all births, deaths, and marriages were recorded. Before that date parish records are the main source of information, but they are not always very informative. For those families who have been freemen for many generations there are also the freemen's registers which can be found in the reference library in Bishop Street, but unfortunately my own family is recently admitted to the freemen clan. My great-great grandfather, William Tolton, had four sons and five daughters, and the eldest daughter, Elizabeth, married Joseph Warburton, a freeman, in 1850. Joseph was a clay pipe maker by trade, and he took on Elizabeth's younger brother, also named William, as an apprentice, and on completing his apprenticeship when he reached 21 years of age, he too became a freeman. So, my great grandfather, William (the younger) was the first in line of a sequence of Tolton's to become freemen. Incidentally, as far as I am aware, he is the earliest member of my family to be photographed.



*William Tolton
(the younger)
with his second
wife, Mary,
c.1890*

William Tolton (the elder) married Catherine Pole on the 19th November 1826 on the same day and time that his brother, Hanameel Tolton married Ann Pole, Catherine's sister, at St Margarets Church. Sadly, Ann died one year later giving birth to her first child, who also did not survive. Two brothers marrying two sisters on the same day must have been a happy family occasion only to be snatched away a short time later. However, both brothers lived long and fruitful lives, William producing nine surviving children and Hanameel six.

Researching my family history was not just about the Tolton family, I also researched my mother's family. My maternal Grandfather, Robert Patchett was born on the 21st November 1879 in a cottage in the Wagon and Horses Yard next door to Thomas Cooke's Temperance Hotel in Granby Street to William and Harriet Patchitt. Judging by the nature of the accommodation they were in financial difficulties. Robert's brothers and other family members were living comfortable lives in Redmile in north-east Leicestershire. At 16 he joined the army in the Leicester Regiment claiming to be 18, and in 1898 was posted to South Africa to take part in the Boer War.



*A photograph
taken after the
end of the war
of Robert
proudly wear-
ing his medals*

The campaign bars on the Queen Victoria Medal are Belfast, Laing's Nek, Defence of Ladysmith and Talana, and on the Edward VII Medal the bars are for South Africa 1901 and for South Africa 1902 campaigns.

After the Boer War he came back to Leicester and on the 12th June 1907 married my grandmother, Annie Wardle.

When war was declared in 1914, he enlisted in the Garrison Artillery and was killed in France on the 12th June 1917 and is buried at Henin-sur-Cojeul.

At the beginning of this article I did mention the Family History Society, the local branch of the Federation of Family History Societies. Four times a year they publish an A5 size journal, very much like the Gildhall News, but with a notable difference. The last Leicestershire Family History Society journal consisted of 80 pages of information, quite a lot of which is contributions by members, whereas the last Gildhall News consisted of 20 pages. Someone out there must have something interesting to say.

John Tolton

Kind regards from Germany



***Esslingen's busy
medieval Christmas Market***
(Photo: Natalie Bickelmann-Esser)

Ask a Leicester local about the city's connection to Germany and many would think of Leicester's twin city, Krefeld, which has been twinned with Leicester since 1969.

But recently a new link between Leicester and Germany has been made, in particular with the Leicester Gild of Freeman. Situated between the industrial city of Stuttgart and the hills of the Swabian Alb lies "Esslingen am Neckar". Known for its cobbled streets, timbered houses and underground tunnels linking the town's former monastery to Germany's oldest champagne cellar, Esslingen am Neckar is a pretty town, home to around 95,000 people.

Anyone considering visiting Esslingen am Neckar might enjoy its summer wine festival where local wine and delicacies are enjoyed on the market place at the foot of the hillside castle. Its medieval Christmas Market with flame lit torches

and vendors dressed in medieval attire tempting visitors with mulled wine and sausages is arguably Esslingen's most famous tourist attraction.

So you may now be wondering what the connection to Leicester is? Jake Bickelmann-Esser lives in Esslingen and was delighted to have reconnected with his Leicester roots by being made free in a Hereditary Freeman Ceremony held in Leicester Town Hall on 20th May 2025. Friends in Germany have shown great interest in the historic community of Freeman and Jake has enjoyed sharing his knowledge of the history of Leicester's Freemanship with them.

Natalie Bickelmann-Esser



***The Lord Mayor with
Jake Bickelmann-
Esser, from Esslingen
in Germany
made free in a
Hereditary Freeman
Ceremony held in
Leicester Town Hall
on 20th May 2025***

Note from the editor:

Natalie, Jake's mum, tells us that sadly she couldn't attend Jake's Making Free Ceremony but his grandparents were able to join him at Leicester Town Hall for the event – they are in the centre of the photo featured on the inside front cover.

News from the Freemen of England and Wales Association (FEW)

Further to the last FEW News, more details of the 2025 FEW AGM at the Kings Court Hotel near Alcester on the 18th October are now available. There will be a buffet lunch at 12.30 for those attending the 2.30–4.00pm AGM, followed by an Open Forum from 4–5pm. Later, an informal dinner at 7pm for those wishing to stay at the hotel overnight. Any subscribing member of Leicester Gild can attend, but a booking form will be needed before the 6th October. E-mail me on 4smw@mypostoffice.co.uk for a booking form and contact details – and an on-line copy for the latest FEW Journal.

Recent activities by other Guilds and Courts Leet in the South Midlands Area include:

Coventry Freemen's Guild

A Past Master's Dinner was held on the 16th March – a welcome return of an annual event stopped by the Covid pandemic. Bob Crane received a Meritorious Service Certificate to recognise his long service as the Guild's Liaison Officer with Coventry's affiliated navy ships of HMS Coventry and HMS Diamond – both granted the Freedom of Coventry, with the ship's companies marching through the City with colours flying, drums beating, and bayonets fixed. The Guild's annual dinner took place on Saturday 3rd May, with a robed parade to the Guild Church for the 'Freemen's Sunday' service. A Guild publicity leaflet is now available, to encourage eligible people to become Freemen, and join the Guild.

Northampton Freemen's Guild

Rules for the Admittance to the Freedom by apprenticeship are now available, summarised here as three years of training, as prescribed by trade or profession, with an oversight by the Freemen's Trustee committee. Location will need to be within a five mile radius of the Guildhall, and with a requirement to attend some Trustee meetings. This is a welcome move to ensure the continuation of the Northampton Freemen.

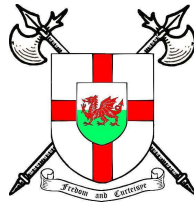
Henley-in-Arden Court Leet

Usual annual events of the Court Leet dinner and 'Court Leet Day' Asizes and artisans market have taken place, plus a 'Beating the Bounds' walk around the town, which stretches back to medieval times.

Warwick Court Leet

The February Beer Festival at the medieval Lord Leicester Hospital raised nearly £8000 to support preservation of this timber framed medieval structure – a great effort by all involved, and thanks to Town Sponsors for their help. Next big event is the July 11th & 12th Summer Beer festival at Warwick Racecourse, with a good range of beers, ciders, food - and music too: to raise monies for the Town's deserving causes in postcode CV 34.

Derek Austin



The Freemen of Leicester — A Short History

As mentioned in Lynn Roffee's report, you will be able to purchase a copy of this new book from the office on or after 18th August.

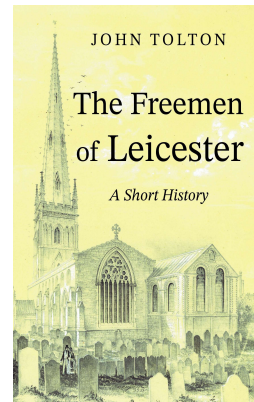
Here's a note from the author:

I am sure that you are aware by now that the book "Freemen of Leicester" is now completed and is available for purchase, and there are just a few matters that I would like to make clear.

The publishing and printing of the book has been financed by the Freemen's Board of Deputies, for which I am extremely grateful, and their costs will be recouped from the sale of the book. Their will be no personal financial gain for me.

Originally, the book was written as a series of articles for the 'Gildhall News' and it was my sister-in-law, Christine, who said, "I see a book coming on here." Lo and behold, her prediction came true.

Copies of the book are available from the Estate Office and not from me.



John Tolton

Photo Gallery

The VE Day in May seems a long time ago now but we couldn't let these photos slip through the net! Here we see Residents and Board Members gathered at the Holt for the celebration



(Photos: Brian Roffee)



(Photos: Brian Roffee)

*Residents went on a bus trip in July to
Gates Garden Centre, Hinckley*



(Photos: Sarah Allen)

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

GILD VACANCIES

If you have a little time to spare, the Gild has the following vacancies, and would appreciate your support:

Chamberlain for the Leicester Gild of Freeman

We need a Gild Chamberlain to take over the Gild's book-keeping, and to organize social activities and outings for Gild Members and their families, residents of Freeman's Holt and, indeed, the Freeman of Leicester in general.

Clerk for the Leicester Gild of Freeman

A Gild Clerk is needed to liaise with Gild Members, the Lord Mayor's office and other Special Guests, to arrange events and meetings, and to pass on relevant information.

We also need someone to deal with the Gild Product orders

Anyone interested should contact
Malcolm Ballard on 07775 791 144
for an informal chat about what's involved

If you have any suggestions for what you would like to see in future editions of the Gildhall News, or a story you would like to contribute, please write to the Editor

Have you changed your address?

In the event that is necessary to inform the Gild or the Board of any change in circumstances, the information should be sent to:

Leicester Freeman's Deputies
32 Freeman's Holt
Old Church Street
Aylestone
Leicester LE2 8NH

Telephone: **0116 283 4017**

E-mail: office@leicesterfreemen.com

Leicester Freeman website: www.leicesterfreemen.co.uk

***Copy for the next issue should reach the Editor
by Friday 10th October 2025***

Write with your suggestions and contributions to:

Val Moore
24 Freeman's Holt
Leicester
LE2 8NH

Telephone: **0116 429 3947**

E-mail: valmoore2@gmail.com

Please note

The following forms of communication with **the Gild** are no longer in use:

Gild e-mail address: leicester_gild@outlook.com

Facebook: search for "Leicester Gild"

Therefore, please send any future enquiries regarding the Gild to the charity's email address: office@leicesterfreemen.com

Please be aware that the staff work for the charity and not the Gild, but staff will pass on any queries to the relevant person at the Gild.

This change is to aid communication with Freeman and have a central point of contact. If you have previously emailed the Gild and not had a response, please resend your query to the office.



Damask Rose Ceremony, June 2025
(Photo: Brian Roffee)



Landlord of O'Neills pub pays his 'rent' of four old pennies and a Damask Rose to the Lord Mayor — a tradition dating back to the 1600s
(Photo: Brian Roffee)



***Visit to the Holt for Tour and Afternoon Tea, July 2025
L-R Jo English, Lord Mayor's Consort, Lord Mayor, Col. Hurwood,
Malcolm Ballard, Paul Ainsworth, Shirley Jinks and Lynn Roffee
(Photo: Chris Rhodes)***



***The Lord Mayor was presented with a cheque for £200 for her
chosen charities
(Photo: Chris Rhodes)***

The Gild of Freemen of the City of Leicester

GILD PRODUCTS ORDER FORM

- | | | |
|--|--------------------------|----------|
| 1. Tie - navy | at £10.00 each | = £..... |
| - green | at £10.00 each | = £..... |
| 2. Gild Scarf | at £15.00 each | = £..... |
| 3. Lapel Badge | at £2.50 each | = £..... |
| 4. Cufflinks | at £16.00 per pair | = £..... |
| 5. Gild Pens | at £3.00 each | = £..... |
| 6. Gown, made to measure,
(includes delivery) | price on request | = £..... |
| 7. Register of the Freemen of Leicester
1986–1996 | £2.50 each | = £..... |
| 8. Register of the Freemen of Leicester
1931–1985 | £3.50 each | = £..... |

plus postage* £3.20 second class
£3.95 first class

TOTAL = £.....

I enclose cheque for the above total, made payable to:

“Gild of Leicester Freemen”

NAME

ADDRESS

..... POST CODE

EMAIL ADDRESS

TELEPHONE:.....

Signed

Please post to:

Malcolm Ballard, 5, Snowdrop Close, Narborough, Leics LE19 3YB

Tel: 0116 286 1507 or email: romalc@btinternet.com

*Please note that any orders at and above £20 will need to be sent by recorded delivery at £7.25 (contact Malcolm for further details)

GILD OF FREEMEN OF THE CITY OF LEICESTER
Application for Full Membership

Full Name
(BLOCK LETTERS)

Address

..... Post Code

Tel No.: email address

I am a duly sworn Freeman of the City of Leicester and apply to be enrolled as a Member of the Gild of Freeman, for which I enclose the sum of £10.00 (Enrolment fee of £1.00 plus the first annual subscription of £9.00).

Signature.....Date

Application for Associate Membership

Full Name
(BLOCK LETTERS)

Address

..... Post Code

Tel No.e-mail address

I certify that I am the (please delete where applicable) SPOUSE / WIDOW / WIDOWER / SON / DAUGHTER / GRANDCHILD, aged 18 years or over of

Mr / Mrs / Ms(Freeman of Leicester)

Or

I am a full member of the Guild of Freeman of.....(City or Town)

I apply to be enrolled as an Associate Member of the Gild, for which I enclose the sum of £7.00 (Enrolment Fee of £1.00 plus the first Annual Subscription of £6.00)

Signature.....Date

Please make cheques payable to 'Gild of Leicester Freeman'
and send with this application to:

Malcolm Ballard, 5 Snowdrop Close, Narborough, Leics LE19 3YB

RENEWAL OF GILD MEMBERSHIP
(Payment by Cheque)
FOR THE YEAR 1st APRIL 2025 – 31st MARCH 2026

I would like to pay the annual subscription for my membership/associate membership of the Gild for the year commencing 1st April 2025

Membershipat £9.00 = £.....

Associate Membershipat £6.00 = £.....

My name is (BLOCK CAPITALS).....

My address is (BLOCK CAPITALS).....

.....

Post code.....Telephone.....

e-mail address.....

I enclose a cheque/postal order for £.....

made payable to “**Gild of Leicester Freemen**”

Please post to:

**Malcolm Ballard,
5, Snowdrop Close,
Narborough,
Leics LE19 3YB**

Any queries, please phone Malcolm on **0116 286 1507**

RENEWAL OF GILD MEMBERSHIP

(Payment by Standing Order)

(Kindly complete where marked by all dotted lines)

To: **Malcolm Ballard,
5, Snowdrop Close,
Narborough,
Leics LE19 3YB**

Date.....20.....

I,

agree to pay my Annual Subscription to the Gild of Leicester Freemen on 1st April each year by means of the signed Standing Order that I have sent to my bank.

I understand that the annual subscriptions at present are £9.00 for a full member and £6.00 for an associate member, and that I can stop or amend this Standing Order simply by giving instructions to my bank.

Signature.....

Address.....

.....

..... Post code

Tel. No.....

email

**Please complete the Standing Order form on the next page,
and send it to your Bank Manager**

STANDING ORDER – PLEASE SEND TO YOUR BANK MANAGER

To: The Manager.....Bank Plc

Address

..... Postcode

Please pay to:- **Lloyds Bank Plc,
Old Market Square Branch,
Nottingham NG1 6FD**

(Bank Sort Code **30-96-18**)

For the account of the **Gild of Leicester Freemen** (Account No. 01409164)

the sum of £.....,

commencing 1st April 20....., and yearly thereafter until further notice.

.....(my surname and initial/s)

Name of account to be debited.....

Account No.....

Signature.....Date..... 20.....

Address.....

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Postcode

